

INFAMOUS IRON MAN

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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom—but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

Victor recently discovered that his mother, the dark arts master Cynthia Von Doom, was alive and wanted to rekindle their relationship—but there's a dark version of Reed Richards whispering in her ear at every turn, and his motives are still unknown. This version of Reed also approached Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, and asked him to kill the man who was Doctor Doom.

Unaware of the dangerous forces closing in around him, Victor used an encounter with Tony Stark's successor, Ironheart, to peer into the future, but the vision incapacitated him, and Ironheart turned him in to S.H.I.E.L.D. while he was unconscious.

When a few rogue S.H.I.E.L.D. agents decided to take justice into their own hands and eliminate the captive Victor, his mother came to his aid—destroying the Helicarrier and whisking him away to safety.

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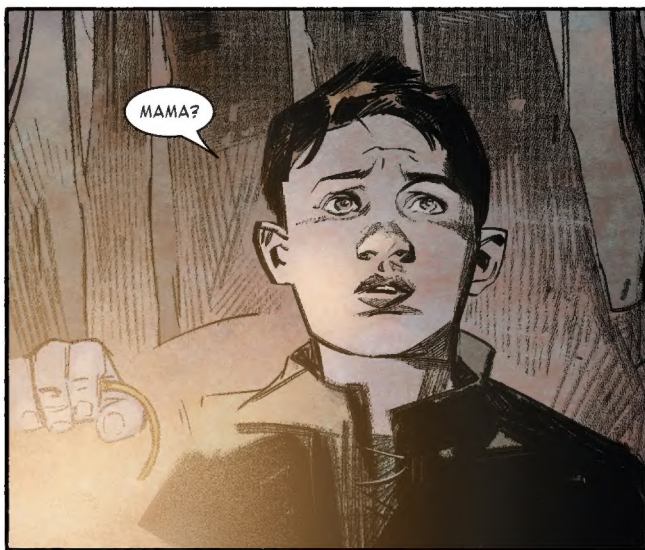
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LATVERIA.
MANY YEARS AGO.





THE VILLAGERS CALL YOU A WITCH.

TO THEM, I AM.

THEY SAID IT--LIKE IT WAS A MEAN THING.

TO THEM, IT IS.



I AM A PRACTITIONER OF THE SORCERIES.

I AM WORKING WITH ENERGIES AND IDEAS SO FAR BEYOND WHAT THOSE PEOPLE KNOW THAT, TO THEM, IT JUST LOOKS LIKE MADNESS.

THEY ARE PULLARPS.

THEY ARE NOT LIKE US.



US?

YOU AND I.

THIS IS WHERE I GO WHEN I'M NOT WITH THE OTHERS.

MOST OF MY WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE IN PRIVATE.

BUT TONIGHT, I NEED YOU.



WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO IS SACRIFICE THIS RABBIT SO THAT HIS SPILLED BLOOD MAY PURIFY THE SURROUNDINGS AND ALLOW US TO SUMMON THE ELDER DEMON CHTHON.

I WOULD LIKE TO TRADE HIM SOMETHING.

I WOULD DO IT MYSELF, BUT MY DAYS OF BLOOD PURITY ARE, SÄPLY, LONG GONE.



YOU WANT ME TO KILL A BUNNY?

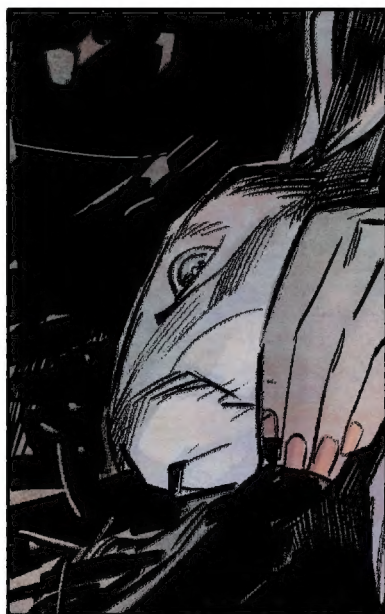
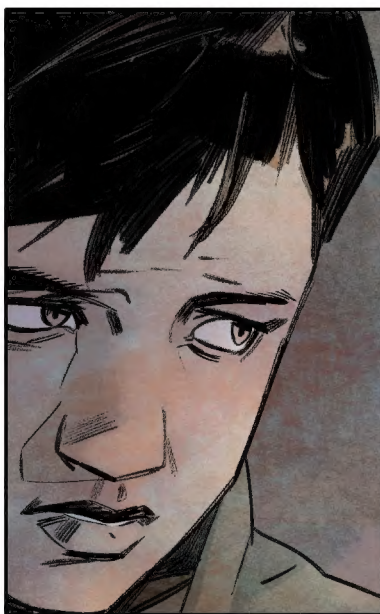


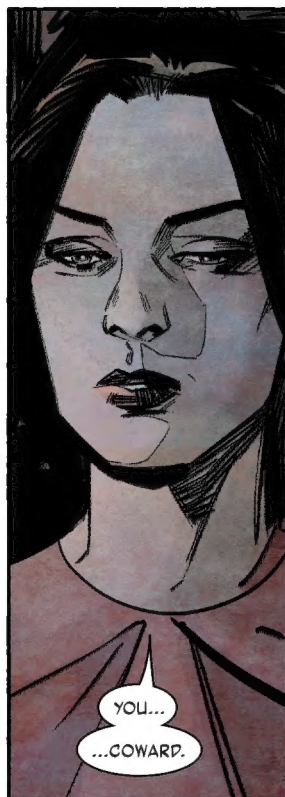
SACRIFICE.

I KNOW IT SEEMS MESSY AND A LITTLE BARBARIC. THE GOAL IS TO EVOLVE ALL OUR POWERS PAST THE NECESSITY FOR BLOOD...



...BUT SACRIFICES HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT LEVEL.







I TOLD
YOU, THIS IS MY
WORK AREA OVER
HERE...

MOTHER.
WHERE
ARE WE?

IN A
PLACE BETWEEN
PLACES.

THE ASTRAL
PLANE.

OH GOD,
NO.

THAT PLACE IS
TERRIBLE.

WOULD YOU
FEEL SAFER BACK
ON EARTH?

I CAN'T
SEE HOW. I
NEVER DO.

I IMAGINE
IT'S THE LEAST
SAFE PLACE IN THE
MULTIVERSE.

YOU
SAVED
ME.

VICTOR,
REST.

NO.

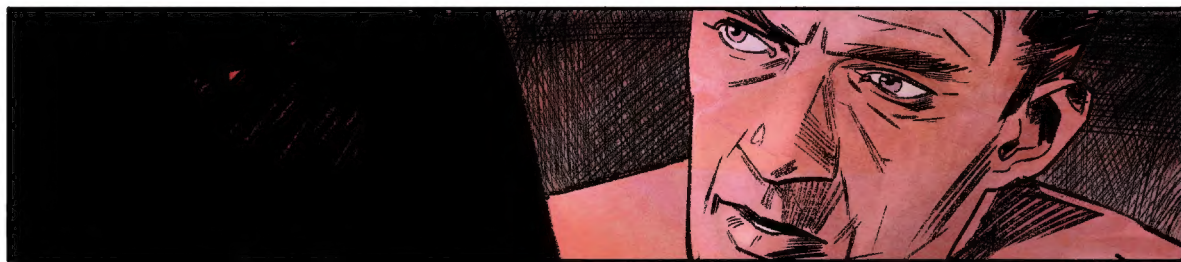
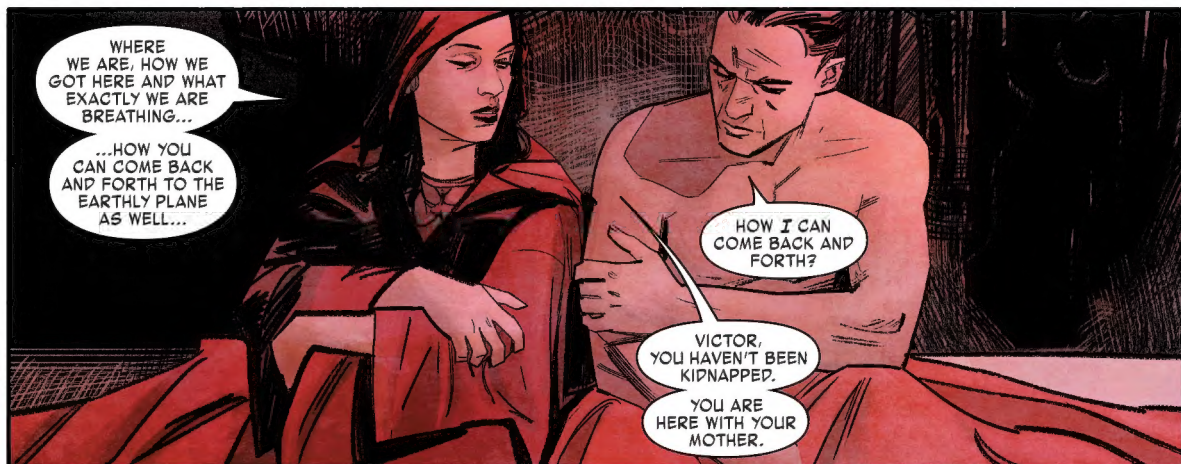
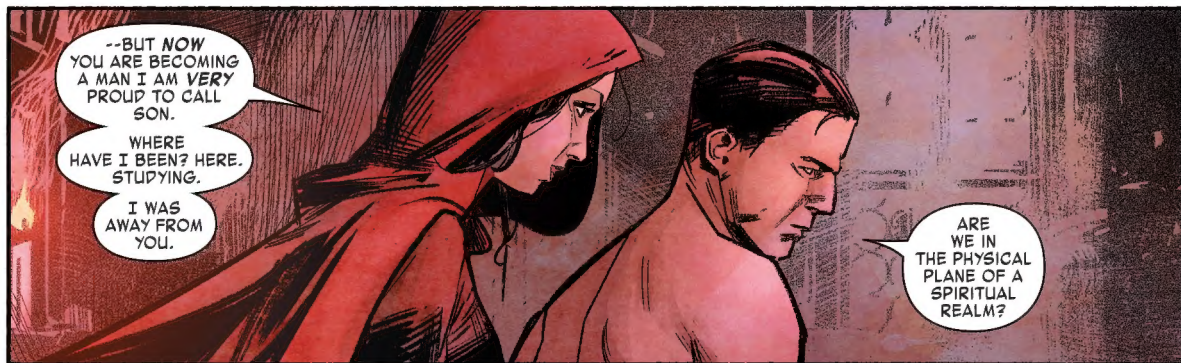
I HAVE
TOO MANY
QUESTIONS.

MOTHER,
THIS SHROUD
OF MYSTERY...
STOP IT.

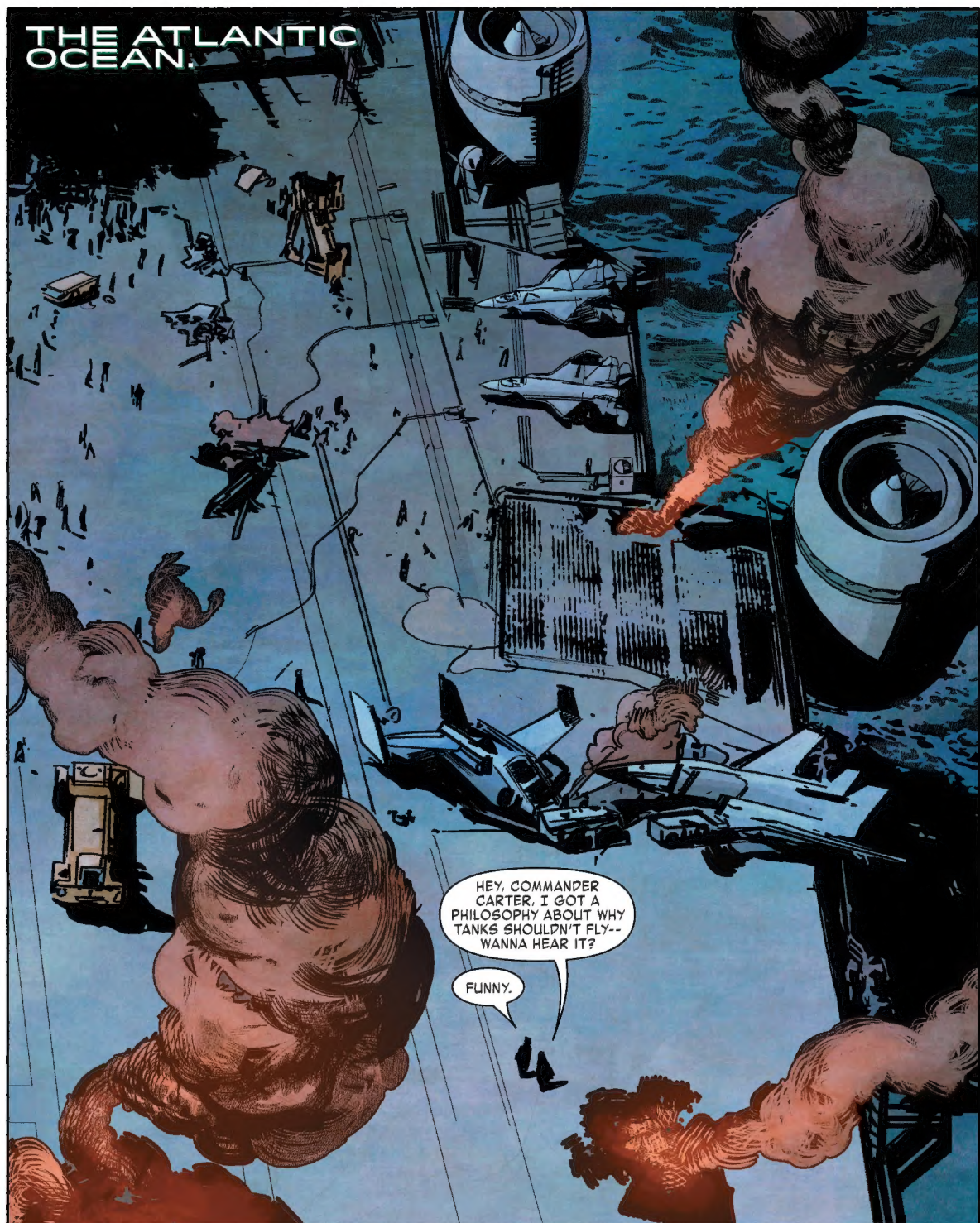
TELL ME.

TELL ME
EVERYTHING.

WHAT DO
YOU WANT TO
KNOW?

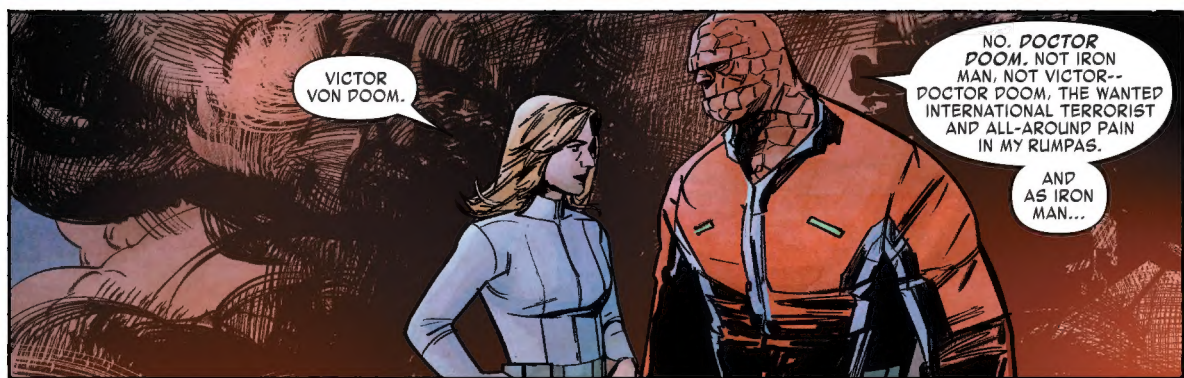


THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.



HEY, COMMANDER CARTER, I GOT A PHILOSOPHY ABOUT WHY TANKS SHOULDN'T FLY-- WANNA HEAR IT?

FUNNY.



VICTOR VON DOOM.

NO. DOCTOR POOM. NOT IRON MAN, NOT VICTOR-- DOCTOR POOM, THE WANTED INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST AND ALL-AROUND PAIN IN MY RUMPAS.

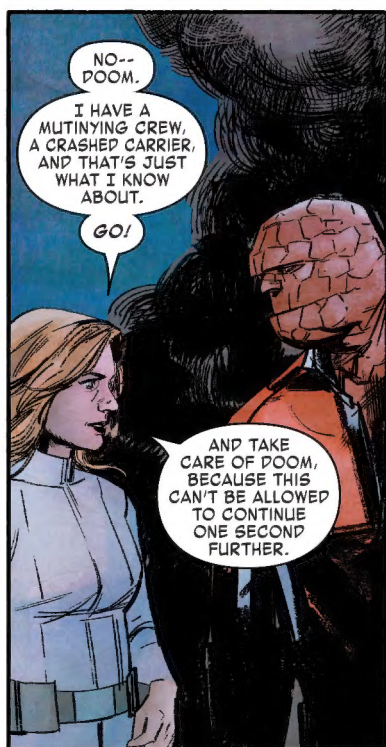
AND AS IRON MAN...



...EVEN AS
IRON MAN, STUFF
LIKE THIS STILL HAPPENS
BECAUSE POOM IS
POOM IS POOM.

BEN GRIMM,
I NEED YOU TO
TAKE CARE OF
THIS.

THE CRASHED
CARRIER?



NO--
POOM.

I HAVE A
MUTINYING CREW,
A CRASHED CARRIER,
AND THAT'S JUST
WHAT I KNOW
ABOUT.

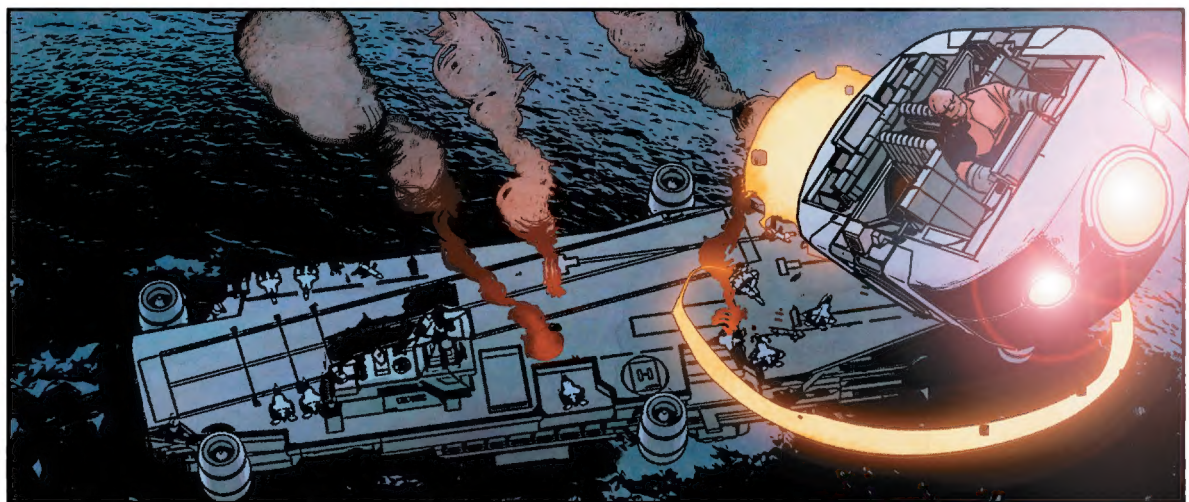
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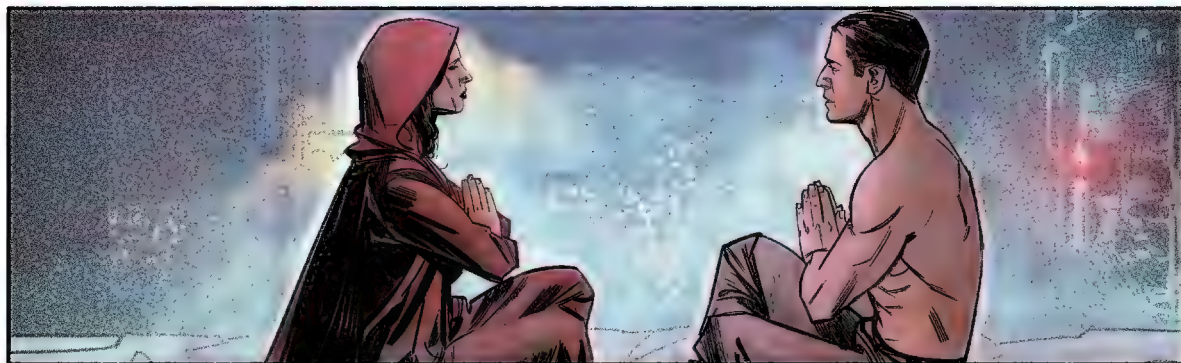
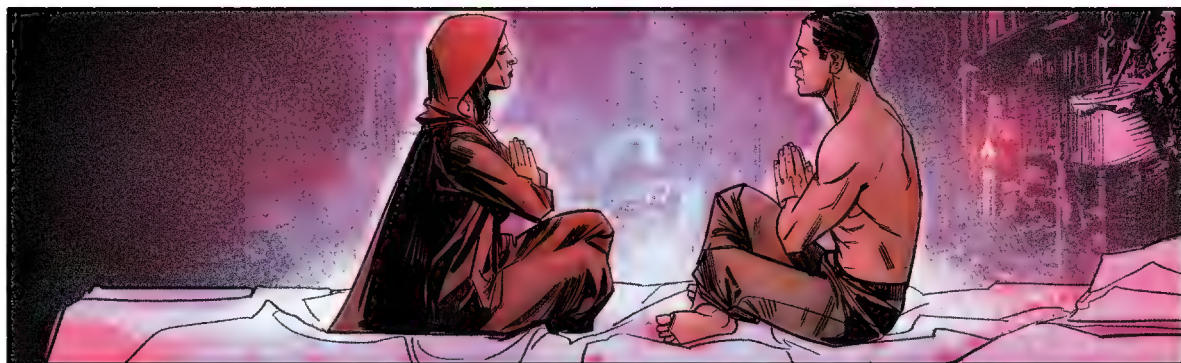
AND TAKE
CARE OF POOM,
BECAUSE THIS
CAN'T BE ALLOWED
TO CONTINUE
ONE SECOND
FURTHER.



ANY WAY
YOU HAVE TO,
MR. GRIMM.

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?
ANY WAY YOU
HAVE TO.







SOON, I'LL BE DONE WITH THE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS THAT LIE BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF ESTABLISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

I THINK MY HAND WOULD BE BETTER SUITED AGAINST THE LARGER ORGANIZATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENTS?



NO. HYDRA. A.I.M.

THESE LARGE PARASITIC ORGANIZATIONS ARE SO FAR CORRUPTED FROM EVEN THEIR ORIGINAL TERRIBLE GOALS.

EVEN AT MY MOST "DISTRACTED," I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL JUST SO... RIDICULOUS.

THEY GO NEXT.



DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DO THAT?

RIP MANKIND OF ALL THOSE THAT WOULD PREY ON THE WEAKER?

I THINK I CAN MAKE THE FIGHT FAIR.



MY SHAME IS THAT I COULD HAVE DONE THIS SO MANY YEARS AGO, HAD I SEEN THINGS WITH A CLEAR MIND.



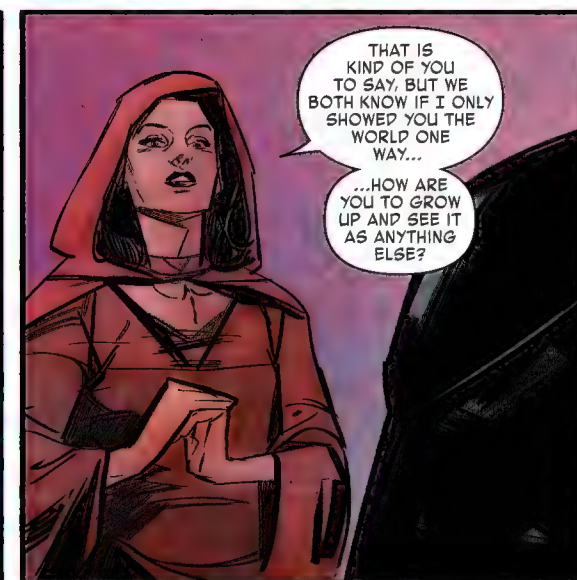
YES. I GUESS I'M TO BLAME FOR THAT.



THAT IS NOT WHAT I MEANT.

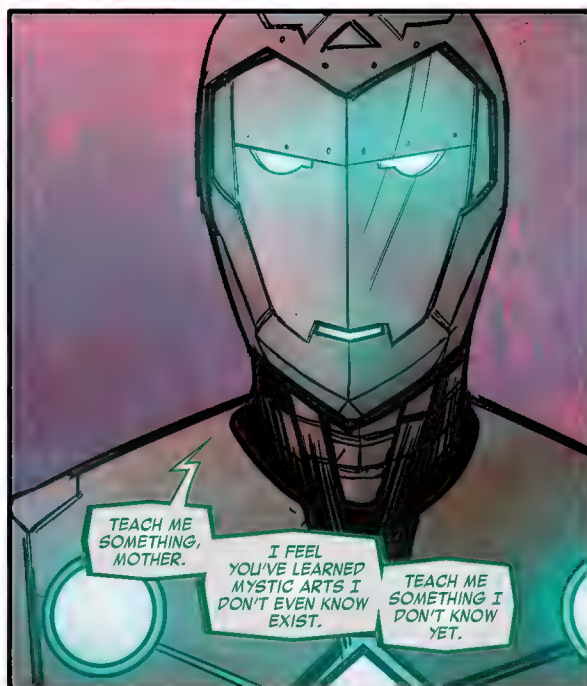
I AM AN ADULT MAN.

I MADE MY OWN CHOICES.



THAT IS KIND OF YOU TO SAY, BUT WE BOTH KNOW IF I ONLY SHOWED YOU THE WORLD ONE WAY...

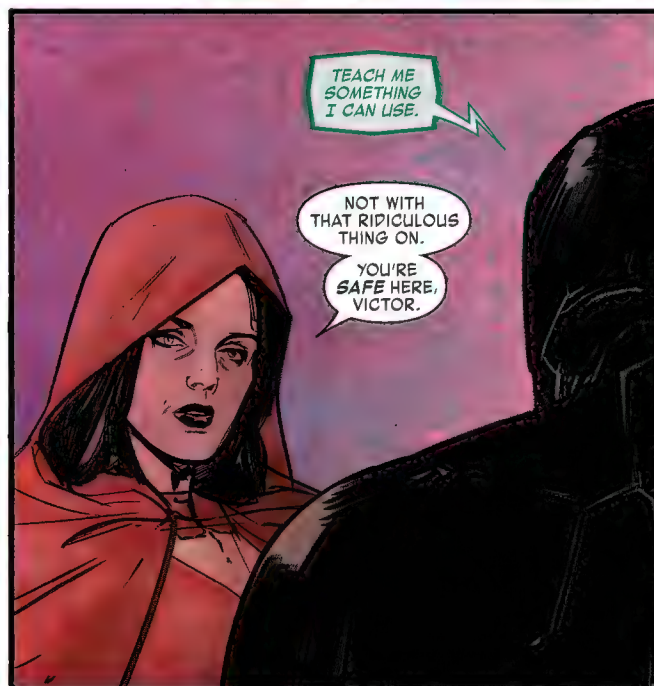
...HOW ARE YOU TO GROW UP AND SEE IT AS ANYTHING ELSE?



TEACH ME SOMETHING, MOTHER.

I FEEL YOU'VE LEARNED MYSTIC ARTS I DON'T EVEN KNOW EXIST.

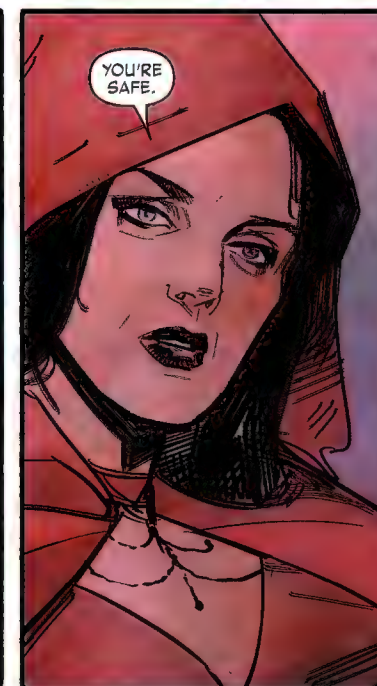
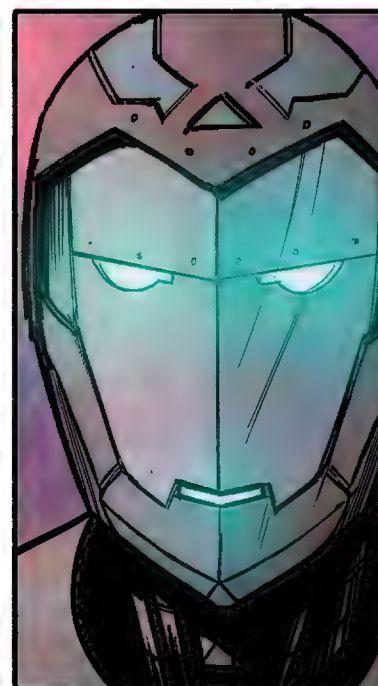
TEACH ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW YET.



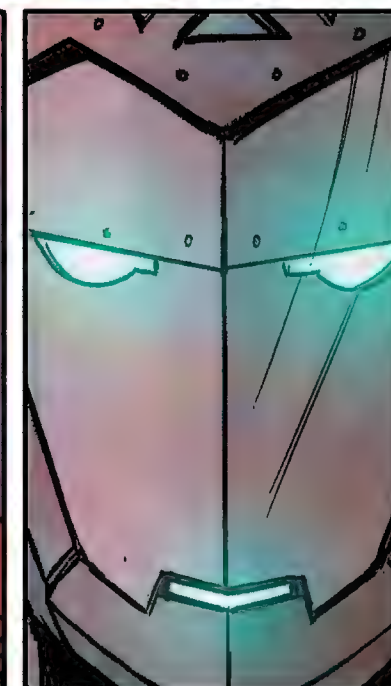
TEACH ME SOMETHING I CAN USE.

NOT WITH THAT RIDICULOUS THING ON.

YOU'RE SAFE HERE, VICTOR.



YOU'RE SAFE.



LATVERIA.

AGAIN
WITH THE
CASTLE.

BUT
DOOMSY WAS
HERE.

HE KEEPS
COMIN' BACK
HERE. THIS IS
WHERE I FOUND HIM
(OR HE FOUND
ME).

THIS IS
WHERE THE NEW
IRON KID FOUND
HIM...

...HE'S LOOKIN'
FOR SOMETHIN' OR HE'S
HOMESICK.

THERE'S
SOMETHIN' STILL
HERE.

YOU
ALL RIGHT,
KID?

YOU'RE COVERED
IN ROCKS.

THEY
DON'T COME
OFF.

SO?

MOST
PEOPLE--
IT'S THE FIRST
THING THEY ASK,
IF THEY COME
OFF.

DO THEY
HURT?

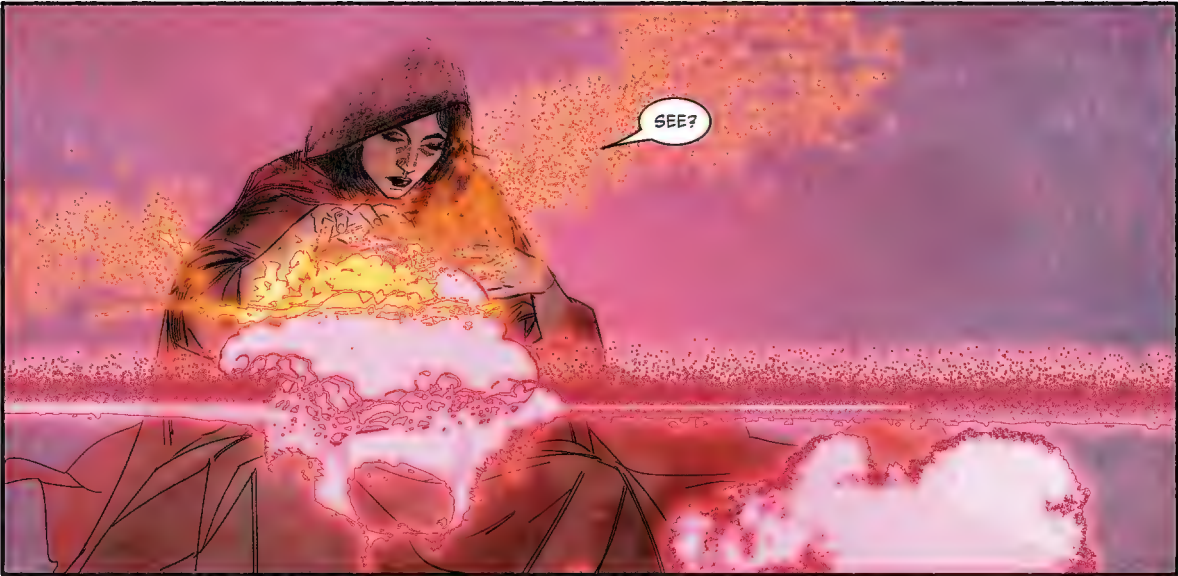
YOU
KNOW, NO ONE'S
EVER ASKED
THAT.

NO. THEY--
NO. THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE
NOTHIN'.

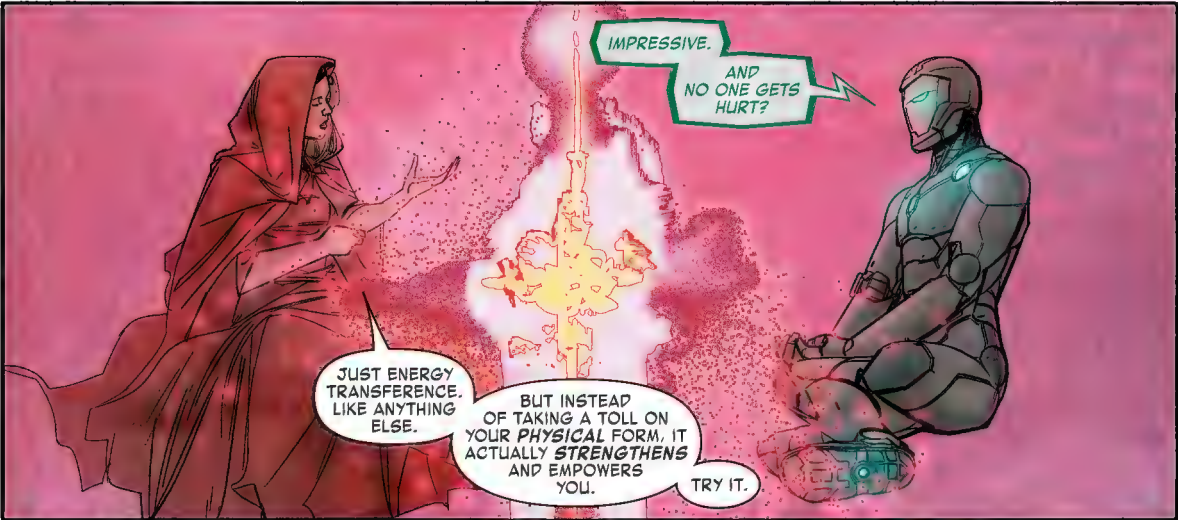
THAT'S
SAD.

WHAT'RE
YOU DOIN' OUT
HERE?





SEE?



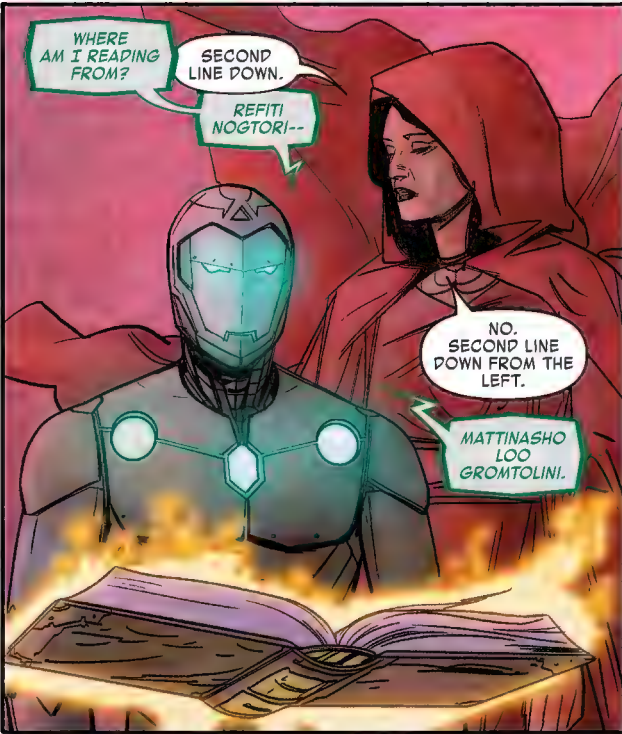
IMPRESSIVE.

AND NO ONE GETS HURT?

JUST ENERGY TRANSFERENCE. LIKE ANYTHING ELSE.

BUT INSTEAD OF TAKING A TOLL ON YOUR *PHYSICAL* FORM, IT ACTUALLY *STRENGTHENS* AND EMPOWERS YOU.

TRY IT.



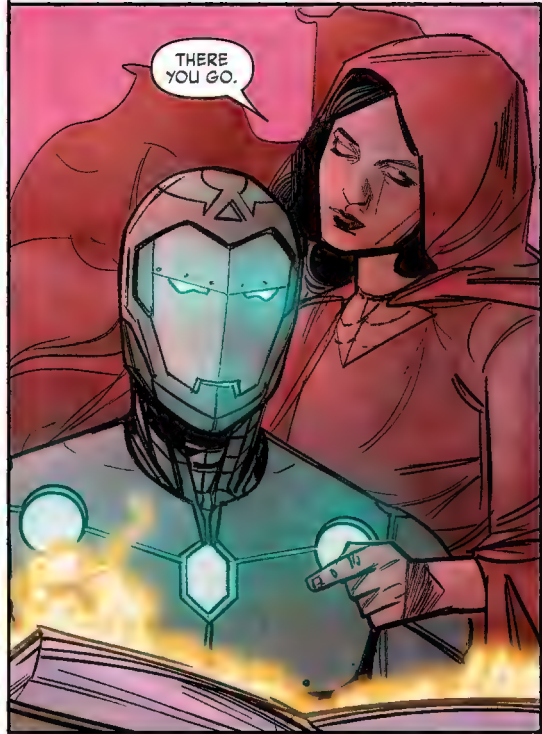
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SECOND LINE DOWN.

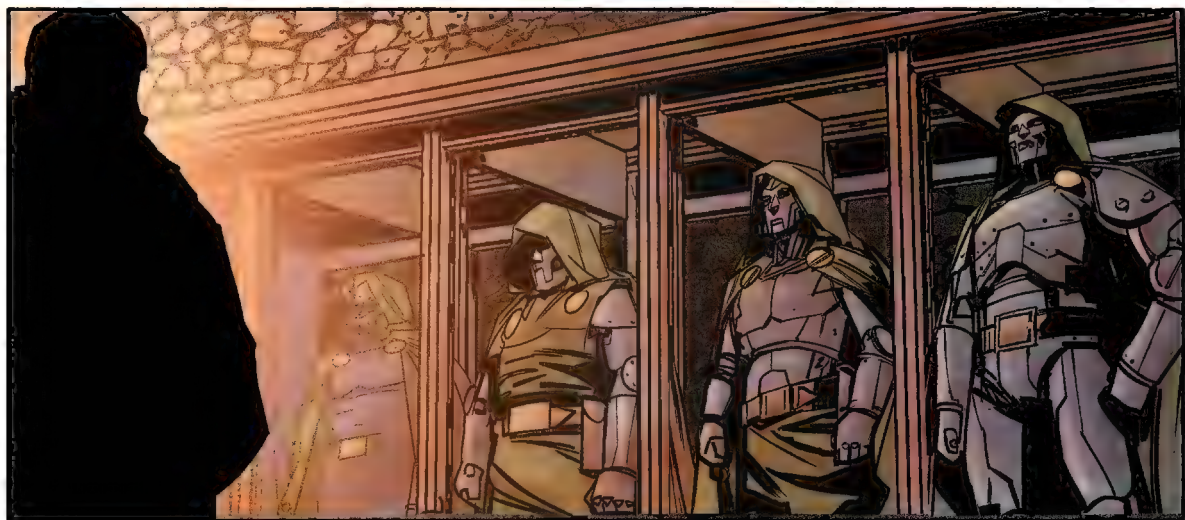
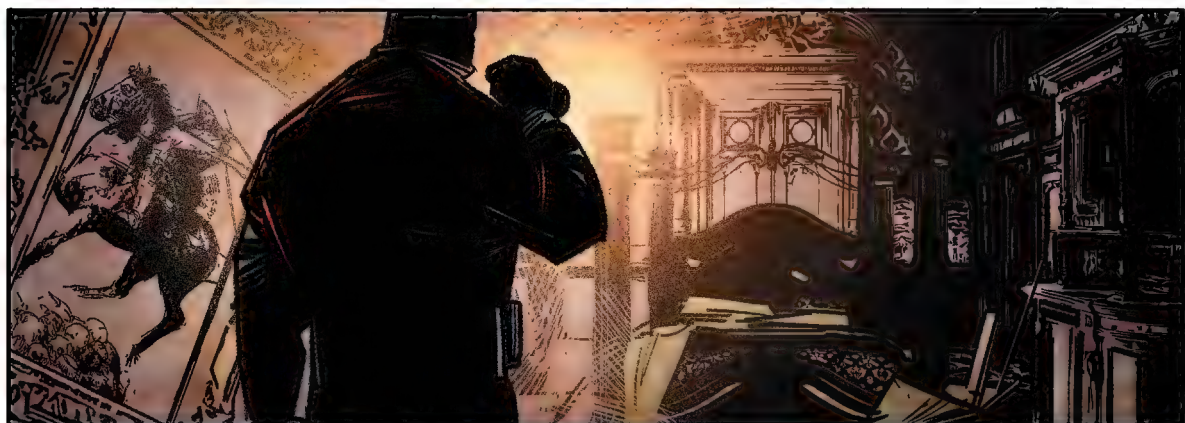
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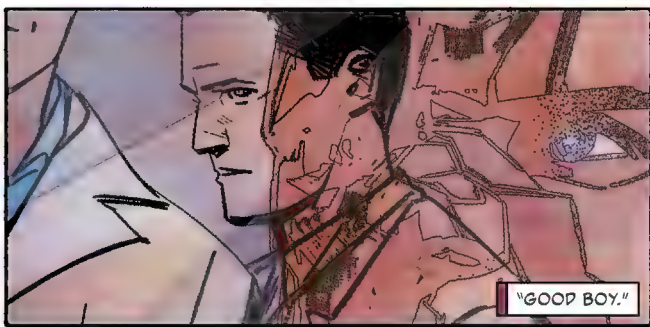
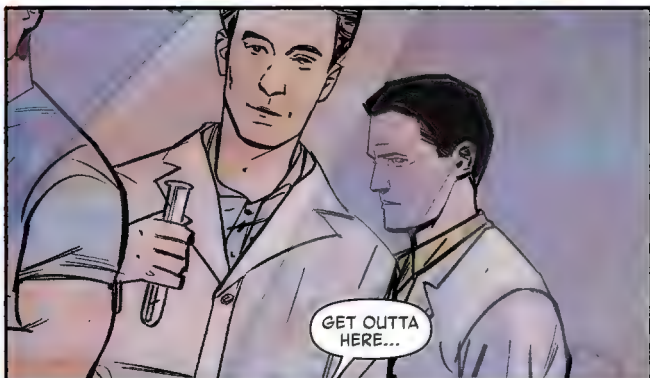
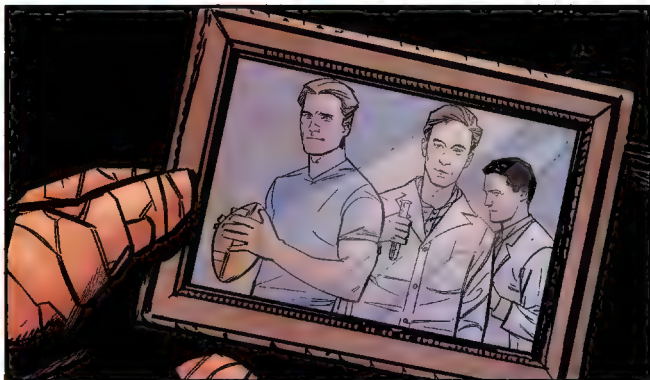
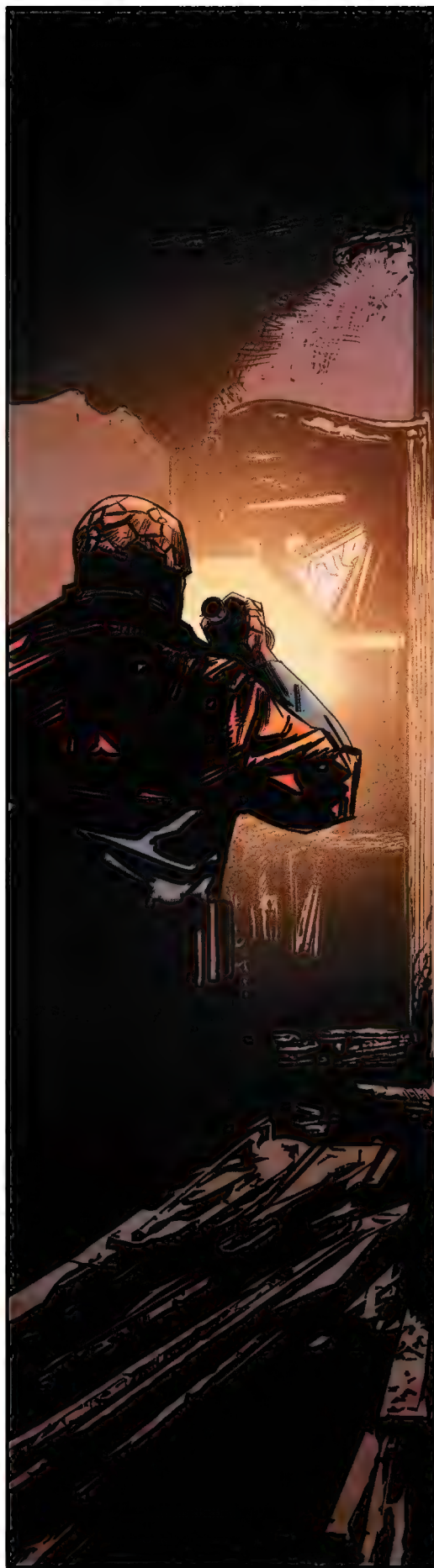
NO. SECOND LINE DOWN FROM THE LEFT.

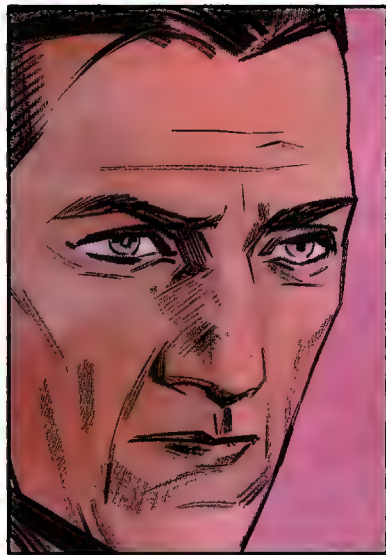
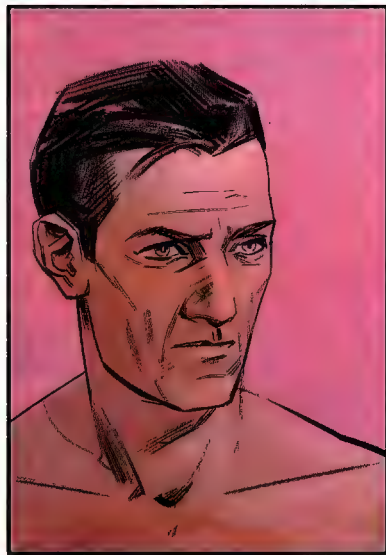
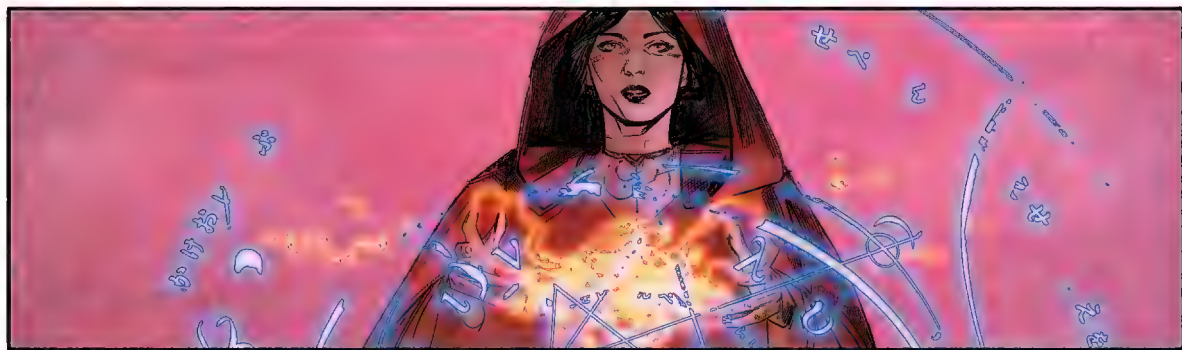
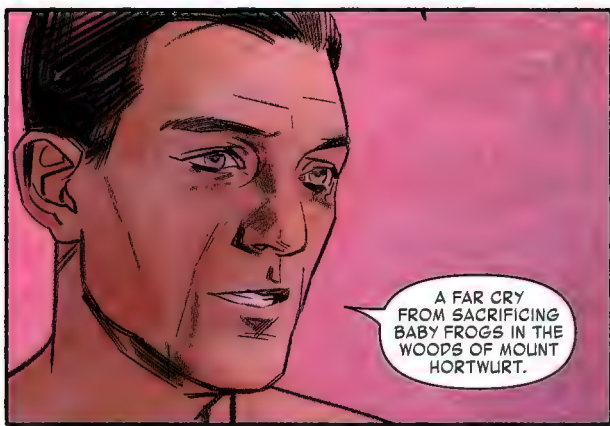
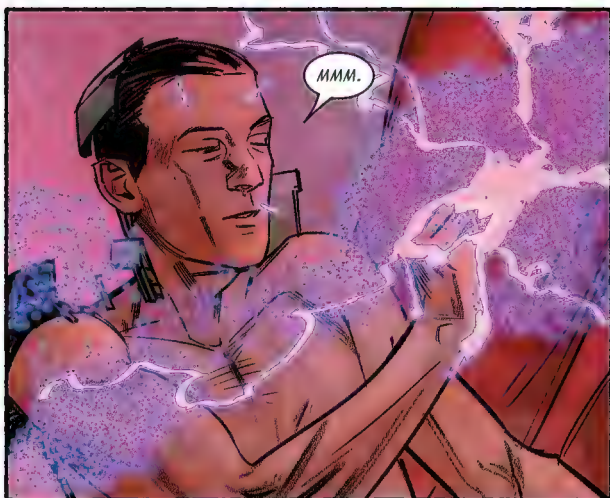
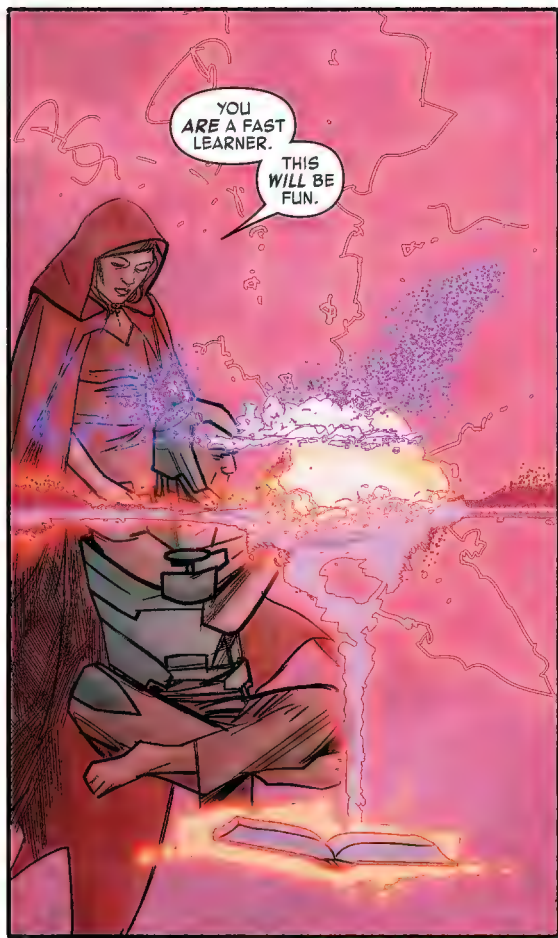
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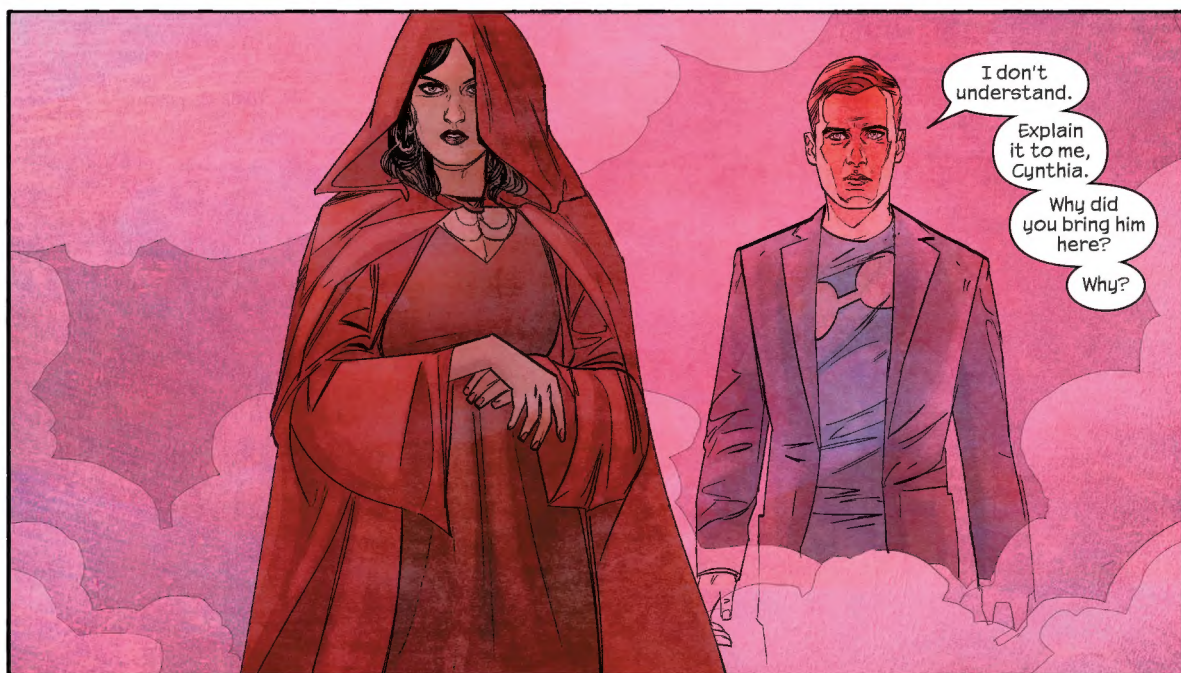
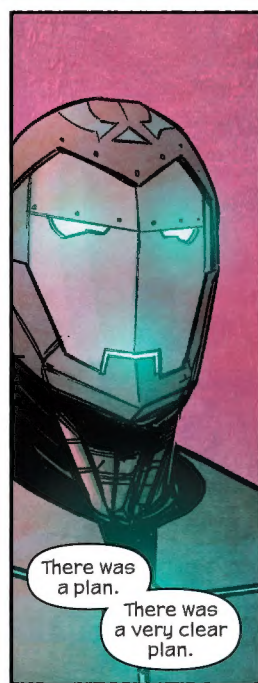
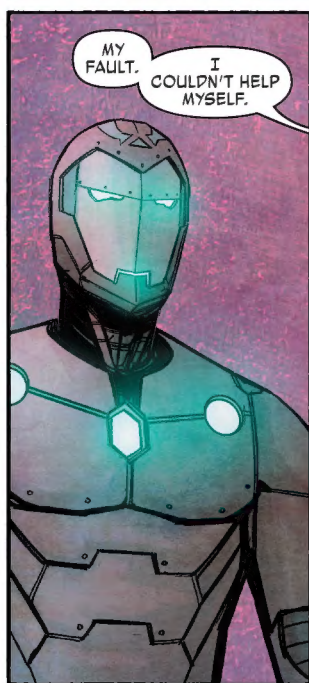
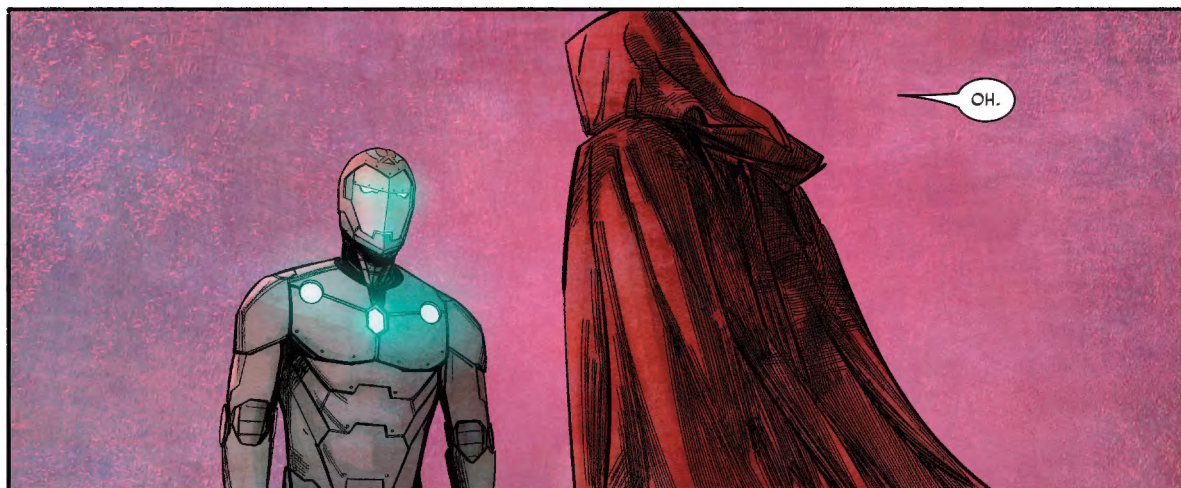


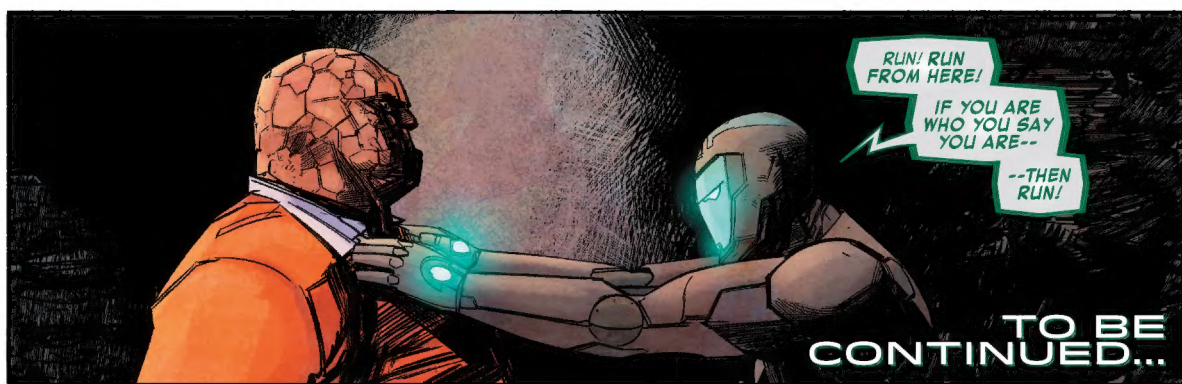
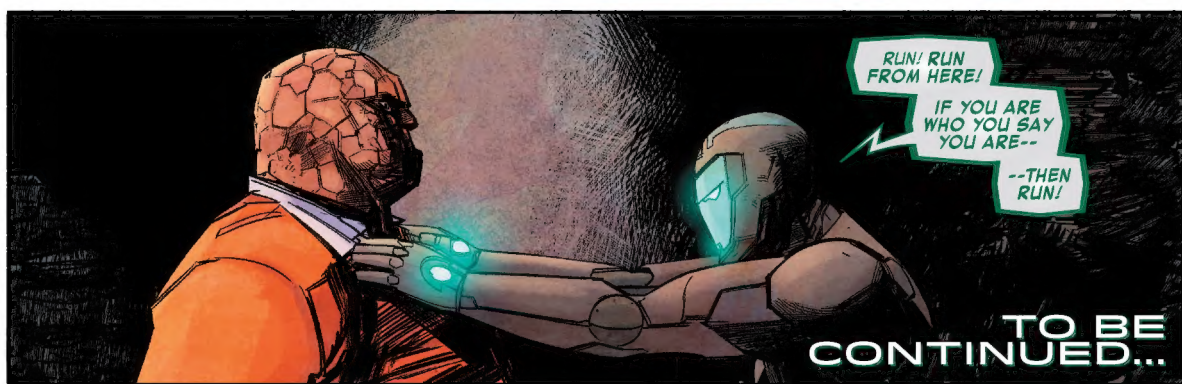
THERE YOU GO.











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